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Contact: Nick Wolda,
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THE WOODLANDS, TEXAS (August 24, 2012) – The Woodlands Township Board of Directors held its monthly Board meeting, Wednesday, August 22, 2012, at The Woodlands Township Town Hall, at 6 p.m. The Board approved the 2013 Budget, approved the tax rate, received a law enforcement report, heard village association reports and made determination on agenda items as noted below.

During the meeting, the Board adopted The Woodlands Township 2013 Consolidated Budget and set the 2012 ad valorem tax rate for maintenance and operations at 29.10 cents and the 2012 ad valorem tax rate for debt service at 2.63 cents for a total of 31.73 cents per \$100 of assessed value.

The Board also adopted a resolution related to governance for The Woodlands Township, resolving that a vote for incorporation would not be held in the foreseeable future. This resolution can be found online.

The Board approved the following **consent agenda** items:

- Minutes of the July 19, 2012 Board Workshop, July 24, 2012 Special Board Budget Workshop, July 25, 2012 Special Board Meeting, July 25, 2012 Regular Board Meeting, July 25, 2012 Town Hall Meeting, July 26, 2012 Special Board Budget Workshop, July 27, 2012 Special Board Budget Workshop, July 30, 2012 Special Board Budget Workshop, and July 31, 2012 Special Board Budget Workshop for the Board of Directors of The Woodlands Township;
- Memoranda of Understanding with The Woodlands Lacrosse Association, the South Montgomery County YMCA, The Woodlands Rugby Football Club and The Woodlands Youth Rugby Club for athletic field use;
- Shared Access Agreement with Impact Church of The Woodlands;
- Debt Service Excess Tax Collections Report for the period July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012, as certified by the Montgomery County Tax Assessor and Collector;
- 2012-2013 Debt Service Collection Rate Report as certified by the Montgomery County Tax Assessor and Collector;
- Submission of materials to preserve eminent domain authority pursuant to Senate Bill 18;
- Purchase of self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA);



- Request from the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office regarding the sale of excess law enforcement vehicles;
- Award of bid for the replacement of wheel friendly area equipment for Harper's Landing Park;
- Award of bid to replace playground equipment at Acacia, Spring Hill, Summer Storm and The Cove parks;
- Award of bid for renting holiday lights for Town Green Park;
- Access easement with San Jacinto River Authority related to Bear Branch Reservoir;
- Temporary and permanent consents to easement encroachments and permanent easements to Anadarko Realty, LLC for aerial crane, underground tiebacks and water feature construction and operations;
- Workers compensation insurance proposal;
- Recommendation from the Audit Committee regarding acceptance of the 2011 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report;

The Board received **briefings** on the following items:

- Discussed concerns regarding site clearing of commercial development tracts;

The Board considered and acted on the following **regular agenda** items:

- Approved the financial report;
- Recessed the regular meeting of the Board of Directors;
- Convened and conducted a public hearing regarding the proposed 2013 Consolidated Budget and proposed 2012 ad valorem tax rate for The Woodlands Township;
- Reconvened the regular meeting of the Board of Directors;
- Adopted The Woodlands Township 2013 Consolidated Budget;
- Adopted and set by Order The Woodlands Township 2012 ad valorem tax rate for maintenance and operations and the 2012 ad valorem tax rate for debt service. The Board set the ad valorem tax rate for maintenance and operations at 29.10 cents and the 2012 ad valorem tax rate for debt service at 2.63 cents for a total of 31.73 cents per \$100 of assessed value.
- No action was taken on Park Order 019-09 related to the prohibition of Motorized Vehicles on Pathways;



- Adopted Resolution 011-12 related to governance planning for The Woodlands Township, resolving that the Township board would not pursue an election for incorporation in 2014 or the foreseeable future and that governance needs for The Woodlands community will be assessed annually.
- Approved changing The Woodlands Township Board of Directors' elections from a May date to a November date beginning in 2013 and adopted a Resolution in connection therewith;
- Authorized staff to proceed with a Request for Proposal for Actuarial Services for the proposed Firefighters pension plan;
- Approved a Service Agreement with Alpha & Omega Mounted Security Patrol;
- Awarded a bid for all weather turf at sports fields;
- Authorized the Chairman of the Board of Directors and the Township President/General Manager to enter into an Interlocal Agreement between The Woodlands Township and the City of Conroe as dual-designated recipients for developing programs and dispensing grant funding for public transit in the Conroe-The Woodlands large urbanized area;
- Adopted a resolution by the Board of Directors requesting recognition of The Woodlands Township as a designated recipient of Federal Transit Administration and State of Texas funding for developing transit programs and dispensing of funds for public transportation in the newly created Conroe-The Woodlands large urbanized area;
- Established a date for a Board of Directors' Planning Retreat as November 8, 2012 from noon to 4 p.m. at The Woodlands Waterway Marriott Hotel & Convention Center;
- Approved an amendment to the Township office space lease at 10001 Woodloch Forest Drive;

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